

I drive an 18-wheeler from coast-to-coast, to Mexico and into Canada and I, like many other truck drivers who have XM Radio, depend on the Instant Traffic and Weather Reports. As a driver going across the country, there are many areas that do not get local or national radio station broadcasts. With XM radio, we have a "companion" no matter how small the countryside we are going through. I depend on the Instant Traffic and Weather reports as I drive into metro areas and into the northwest and northeast areas, particularly in the winter months, to tell me what is happening "up ahead". It would be a great loss to the trucking industry to lose this very helpful resource for the drivers. There are plenty of people that do not travel such distances on a daily basis, that will keep the local stations on their radios and keep those stations in business. At this time, with all that is happening in Iraq and other foreign countries, I do not believe this is something that Washington needs to be concerned with. Their concern should be with finishing up the war and getting our soldiers and "green zone" personnel back home. Thank you, Homer A. Dennewitz